

REMARKS

Claims 1-13, 164, and 165 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1, 3, 6, 7, and 165 are allowed. Applicants amend claims 2, 4, 5, 8-13, 164, and 165 to cure minor informalities and cancel claims 14-163 and 166 to place the application in condition for allowance. The amendments do not introduce any new subject matter and do not substantively alter the subject matter of the claims that were previously pending before the Examiner. The entry of the amendments and expedited allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Statement of the Substance of the Interview

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courteous telephonic interview on January 29, 2009. The Statement of Substance of the Interview is as follows:

Applicants discussed with the Examiner status of claims 1, 3, 6, 7, and 165 that are not rejected in the Final Office Action. The Examiner indicated that **claims 1, 3, 6, 7, and 165** are allowed.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

Rejection of claims 2, 4, 5, 8-13, and 164

Claims 2, 4, 5, 8-13, and 164 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 2, 4, 5, 8-13, and 164 have been amended to alleviate this ground of Examiner's rejection. It is respectfully requested that this ground of rejection of **claims 2, 4, 5, 8-13, and 164** be withdrawn.

Withdrawn Claims 8 and 9

Previously withdrawn **claims 8 and 9** depend on claim 1. Because claim 1 is allowed, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of these claims and submit that **claims 8 and 9** are allowable at least by virtue of their dependencies.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims remaining in the application (claims 1-13, 164, and 165) are in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

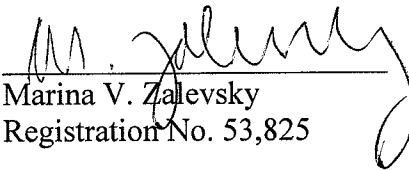
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